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Schools Partner with COE in Undergraduate Research Effort

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Four Bulloch County schools are working with the College of Education on a grant that will give six undergraduate educator candidates hands-on research experience and help the partner schools evaluate their school improvement plans as it relates to outcomes for specific learners.

The project, Research to Practice, was funded this Spring by the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs. Dr. Kymberly Drawdy, Teaching & Learning, Dr. Meca Williams-Johnson, Curriculum, Foundations & Reading, and Mrs. Kathleen Tootle, Teaching & Learning, are the grant administrators. Stilson Elementary, Brooklet Elementary, Southeast Bulloch Middle School and Southeast Bulloch High School were approved to participate by Bulloch County School Superintendent Charles Wilson.

Grant administrators and school representatives collaborated this Summer on the research question, a curriculum match between the school improvement plan at each school and the student outcomes for their focus learners for edTPA. Six special education seniors were selected to work on the year-long project: Brittani Shaw, Carly Hall, Caroline McLean, Sara Holt Meagan Mingirulli and Kristin Unruh. The students will attend seminars in research methods, data collection and data analysis. The students will work in two teams with clinical supervisors, university faculty and university supervisors in their year-long field placement experiences. Findings will be presented in a forum where principals, teacher and school leaders can participate as audience members to discuss research findings and solutions.

Caption: COE faculty and partner school representatives discuss the new research project.